

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2006, 7:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINBOLDT, VICE-CHAIRMAN, PATRICIA HEALY, ROBERT BELMAN, JOHN LEDOUX, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT. MS. PHILLIPS WAS DELAYED.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Ms. Phillips arrived.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE REVISED AGENDA. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Citizen's Comments

The following citizens addressed the Board concerning the budget:

- Teresa Aberg
- Lisa Reddy, Rockhill District
- Jannette Martin
- Karen Clore
- Kathleen Holler, Falmouth District
- Rose Roelofs
- Tammy Edmondson, Garrisonville District
- Tina Jenkins, Hartwood District
- Phil Edwards, Garrisonville District
- Gordon Howard, Hartwood District
- Linda Paule, Hartwood District
- Kim Gilby, Rockhill District
- Teresa Padgett, Rockhill District
- Wendy Sanders
- Ellen Alden
- Kim Miller
- Sidney Cline

Additional comments were made by the following citizens:

Caroline Cleaver, Falmouth District, spoke to the board concerning reading to children.

Diane Howard, Hartwood District, spoke regarding enrollment numbers; redistricting; and, discrepancies in numbers.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Student Matters

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DENY THE VHSL WAIVER REQUEST OF STUDENT "A". VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. REINBOLDT. VOTING IN OPPOSITION WERE MS. KIDBY, MS. PHILLIPS, AND MR. BELMAN. MOTION PASSES BY A VOTE OF 4-3.

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. PHILLIPS THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE TRANSFER REQUEST OF STUDENT "B". VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports

Dr. LeDoux reported that the Administrative Evaluation Task Force met to begin looking at how to evaluate various administrative positions. He also stated that the target date is May 1, 2006 for the final report.

Comments

Dr. LeDoux visited Garrisonville Elementary School, Winding Creek Elementary School, North Stafford High School and thanked them for his tour. He also stated he would be volunteering at Hampton Oaks Elementary school to read.

Ms. Healy stated she participated in Part II of Garrisonville Elementary Schools improvement plan and was invited to participate in the Rockhill Elementary School improvement plan. She also commented that she had received a flyer from Borders advertising a 25% savings for current and retired educators.

Ms. Phillips thanked Bill Kennedy and stated that she had visited Winding Creek Elementary School. She also commented that her calendar is filling up with invitations.

Mr. Belman stated that he would be reading at Falmouth Elementary School and going to Rodney Thompson Middle School as well. He commented on the Grafton Village Elementary School improvement plan. He also toured Mountain View High School with Doug Storer and stated that the senior living center is moving forward. He also stated that the Margaret Brent Elementary School PTO adopted 5 classrooms on the Gulf Coast, and that he met with Chris Chandler of VTS Productions and is inviting him to the March 14, 2006 meeting. Additionally, Mr. Belman stated that he would like to look into advertising the School Board meetings and agenda in the newspaper. Mr. Belman also commented on the loss of the four community members killed in the plane crash.

Ms. Reinboldt commented that she participated in the Widewater Elementary School Improvement Program and attended the VSBA Chair/Vice-Chair Training on February 14, 2006, followed by the Legislative Conference. Ms. Reinboldt also stated that she attended Moncure Elementary Schools Jump Rope for Life, and will be reading to five 3rd grade classes at Widewater Elementary School.

Ms. Kidby stated that she visited Winding Creek Elementary School and that it is lovely school. She also visited H.H. Poole Middle School and was able to sit down and talk to Mrs. McGraw. Ms. Kidby also commented that she attended the VSBA Conference for new board members and received valuable information.

Mr. Sullivan commented that he also attended the VSBA Conference and that the group met with Speaker of the House Howell and Delegate Cole. He also gave a reminder for the work session on February 29, 2006, and thanked Mr. Nougaret and staff for all they do.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray stated that she is recommending 7 schools be closed to transfers: Stafford High School, A.G. Wright Middle School, H.H. Poole Middle School, Stafford Middle School, Rodney Thompson Middle School, Rocky Run Elementary School, and Widewater Elementary School. She also stated that the 2006-07 school year transfer forms will be available February 29th, that current transfer students do not need to re-request, and all requests to transfer are due by June 1, 2006. Dr. Murray commented that applications have been received for the Clerk of the Board position and that an interview committee will need to be established. She also stated that staff had identified 10 items from the February 27, 2006 work session that additional information was requested. She stated staff would be gathering that information and suggested another work session be scheduled.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the February 14, 2006 Meeting
- B. Personnel – Resignations and Appointments

- C. Unusual Field Trip Requests
- D. Religious Exemption Requests
- E. Approval of Proclamations: March 2006 – Music in Our Schools
Month/Youth Art Month

THE SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCED THE RETIREMENT OF BILL KENNEDY AND MARY GRACE BECKER AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF STAFFORD COUNTY.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Policy 4-60: Indoor Air Quality

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED POLICY 4-60: INDOOR AIR QUALITY AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Before & After-School Child Care

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. KIDBY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE RAPPAHANNOCK AREA YMCA AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Energy Resolution for Facility Construction & Major Renovation Design

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY DR. LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AND WHEN APPROPRIATE INCORPORATE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM, HIGH-PERFORMANCE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM AND EPA'S ENERGY STAR PERFORMANCE GOALS IN ALL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION DESIGNS AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed Amendment to Policy 7-14: Nonresidents

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 7-14, NONRESIDENTS AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR.

BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

School Board Capital Project Priorities

MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DEFER A DECISION ON ITEMS A (UNEXPENDED FUNDS); THE ALLOCATION OF THOSE FUNDS; AND, THE ALLOCATION OF THE PROFFERED FUNDS TILL AFTER THE WORKSESSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8, 2006. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Block Scheduling Evaluation

MOTION MADE BY MS. KIDBY AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD FORM A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE HYBRID BLOCK SCHEDULING USED IN THREE OF THE DIVISIONS HIGH SCHOOLS. THE COMMITTEE, AS APPOINTED BY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS AND SCHOOL BOARD SELECTED AT-LARGE MEMBERS, WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL BOARD. THE EVALUATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE STAFF WILL SERVE AS A GUIDELINE FOR THE EVALUATION PROCESS.

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL ENSURE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM NON-BLOCK HIGH SCHOOLS WILL BE A PART OF THE COMMITTEE. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDED MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED, WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award of Contract: Lockers – Dixon-Smith Middle School

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY DR. LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148.2K TO T.L. NELSON, INC. FOR STUDENT CORRIDOR, STAFF, AND ATHLETIC LOCKERS AT DONALD B. DIXON – LYLE RAY SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Revised VPSA Resolution – 2006 Spring Borrow

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE OF BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,700,000 TO FINANCE SCHOOL PROJECTS AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Summer Flex Schedule for 12-Month Employees

The School Board received information concerning the proposed summer flex schedule for 12-month employees. No action requested.

Template for Monthly Financial Reporting

The School Board received information and comment on a sample Monthly Financial Report. No action requested.

Career & Technical Education Programs Review

The School Board received information and a report on Career and Technical Education programs in Stafford County Public Schools. No action requested.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Dr. LeDoux

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda item 6A:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia.

Voting in favor of the motion were Dr. LeDoux, Ms. Healy, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Belman, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Reinboldt, and Ms. Kidby. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Dr. LeDoux

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILIPS, MR. BELMAN, DR. LEDOUX, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MS. KIDBY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.